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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT LAMIZANA ON NAMIBIA
TALKS

REF: STATE 142378

1. THE FRENCH AND GERMAN CHARGES AND MYSELF MET WITH
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA JUNE 23 TO GIVE ORAL BRIEFING ON
PROGRESS OF THE CAPETOWN TALKS ON NAMIBIA. (THE
CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE HERE CONFINES HIMSELF
TO DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, AND THE BRITISH HAVE NO
REPRESENTATION.) THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY THE
FRENCH CHARGE, WORKING FROM HAND-WRITTEN NOTES THAT
THE THREE CHARGES HAD GONE OVER AND AGREED UPTN BE-
FORE HAND. THE PRESIDENT RECEIVED US ALONE WITHOUT
ANY AIDES. (THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS ALREADY IN
LIBREVILLE
FOR OAU PREPARATORY MEETING.)

2. THE PRESIDENT LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO THE POINTS
AND RECEIVED THE BRIEFING IN THE SPIRIT THAT IT WAS
INTENDED. HE HAD NO PRECISE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS,
BUT SAID THAT HE WAS
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GLAD TO HEAR THAT
THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROGRESS ON THE NAMIBIA QUESTION.
HE SAID THAT HE SINCERELY HOPED THAT A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND ALTHOUGH PERSONALLY HE WAS
NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WILL COME FAST ENOUGH
NOW THAT MACHINE GUNS ARE GETTING INTO THE ACT.
HE ADDED THAT HE HAS BEEN GOING TO OAU CONFERENCES

FOR ELEVEN YEARS AND THAT THE RECORD OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WHITES DURING THIS TIME IS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID, HE HOPED THAT THE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS WOULD PERSIST IN THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT.

3. PROCEDURAL COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STATE/USUN STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THE BRIEFING, THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT DELAYED THE BRIEFING HERE FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS. BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR ONE TRANSLATOR TO DO A TRANSLATION IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON RATHER THAN TWENTY TRANSLATORS DOING THE JOB TWENTY TIMES THROUGHOUT FRANCOPHONE AFRICA, ESPECIALLY WHEN INVOLVING CLOSE-HOLD INFORMATION. INCREDIBLY, THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY FORWARDED THE TEXT TO ITS EMBASSIES IN ENGLISH*
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